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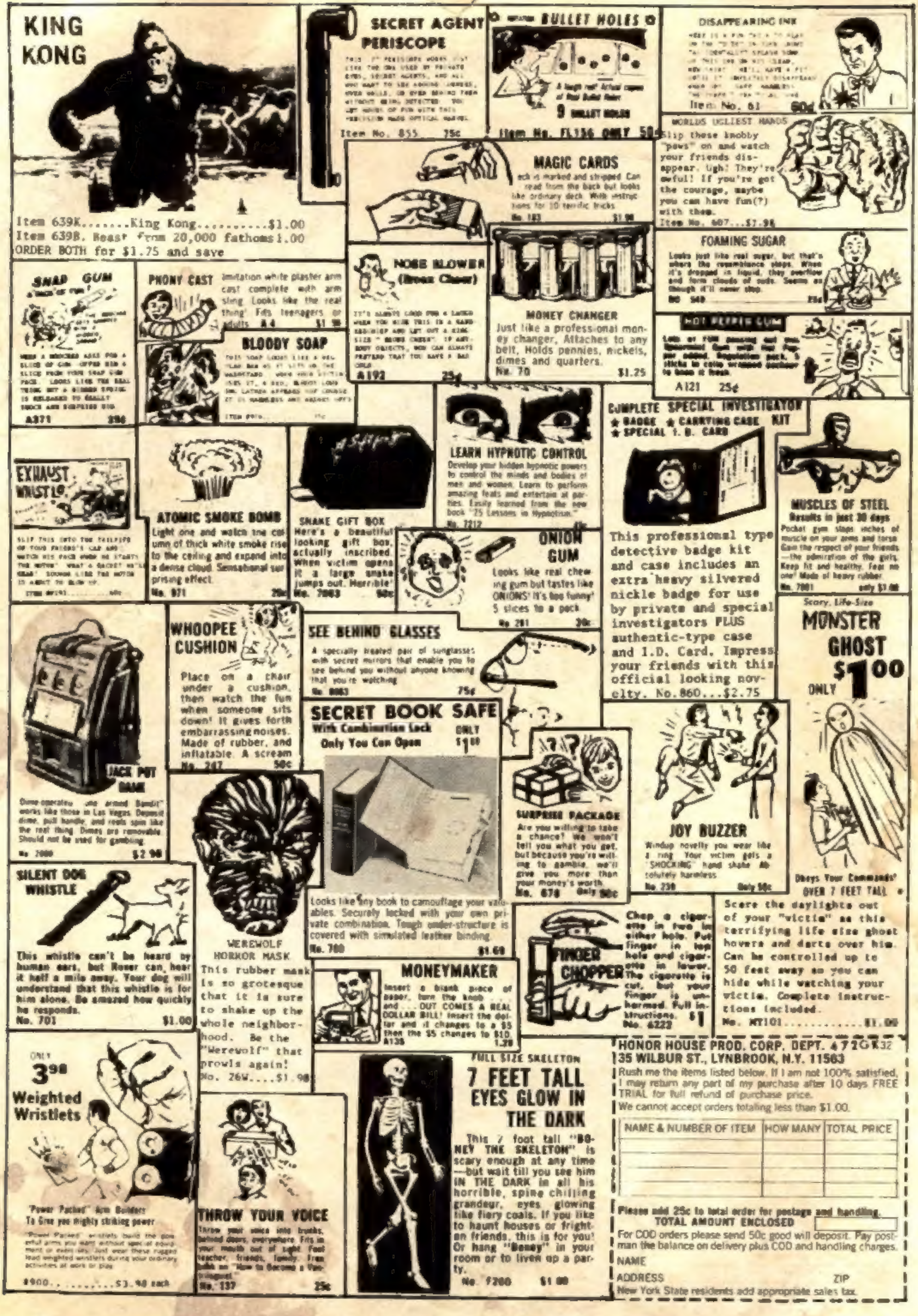
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A SPARKLING POOL... WHITE COTTAGES... A GAY AMUSEMENT HALL... ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF A PLEASANT SUMMER RESORT! YET WHAT IS THE UNSPEAKABLE EVIL, THE UNNATURAL DREAD THAT TRANSFORMED THIS PEACEFUL SCENE INTO A GRISLY...

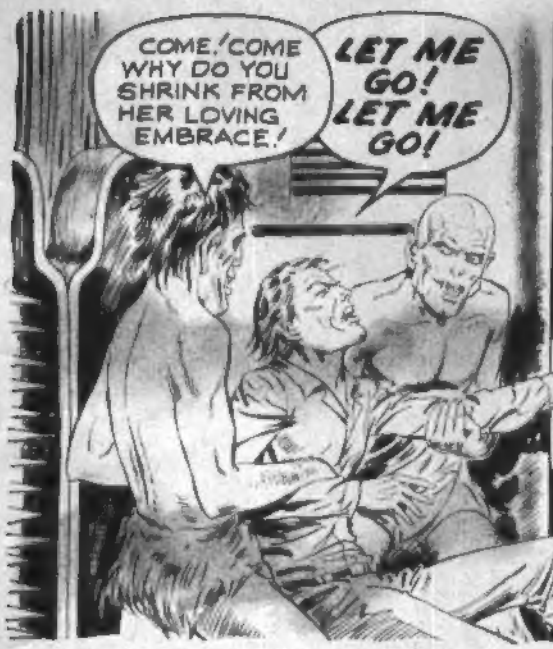
SCREAMING HELL

A WARM SUMMER AFTERNOON... JIM AND MARY TURNER WITH MARY'S FATHER ENJOY A RIDE IN THE COUNTRY...

A SHORT WALK TO THE COLONY ...AND THE THREE ARE SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY FACES PALE WITH THE CAST OF...DEATH..AND EYES SHINING WITH A FLAME OF EVIL!
YOU HAVE A FAR WALK TO THE NEXT STATION... WHY NOT SPEND THE NIGHT WITH US? WE CAN MAKE YOU... COMFORTABLE!
TH-THANKS! IT SEEMS WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
PERHAPS YOU WOULD CARE FOR A SWIM BEFORE SUPPER, IT'S STILL EARLY!
FINE! THAT WILL BE JUST WHAT WE NEED!
DID YOU SEE THE LOOKS IN THEIR EYES? LIKE BIRDS OF PREY WAITING TO DEVOUR THEIR VICTIMS!
NONSENSE, JIM, THEY'RE GOOD HEARTED PEOPLE!
AS MARY'S FATHER PREPARES TO LEAP INTO THE POOL, THE PEOPLE OF THE COLONY GATHER ABOUT SMILING--BUT IN THEIR SMILES IS A STRANGE AND EAGER LUST THAT FREEZES THE BLOOD..
HAVE A GOOD SWIM!
THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL IN THE AIR! I CAN FEEL IT!
COME ON IN! THE WATER'S FINE!
FATHER! BEHIND YOU! THERE'S SOMETHING HORRIBLE!
SUDDENLY OUT OF THE WATER EMERGES A GHASTLY CREATURE--UNLIKE ANY THAT EVER EXISTED!
AARGH!
NO! NO!
YAAAAHH!

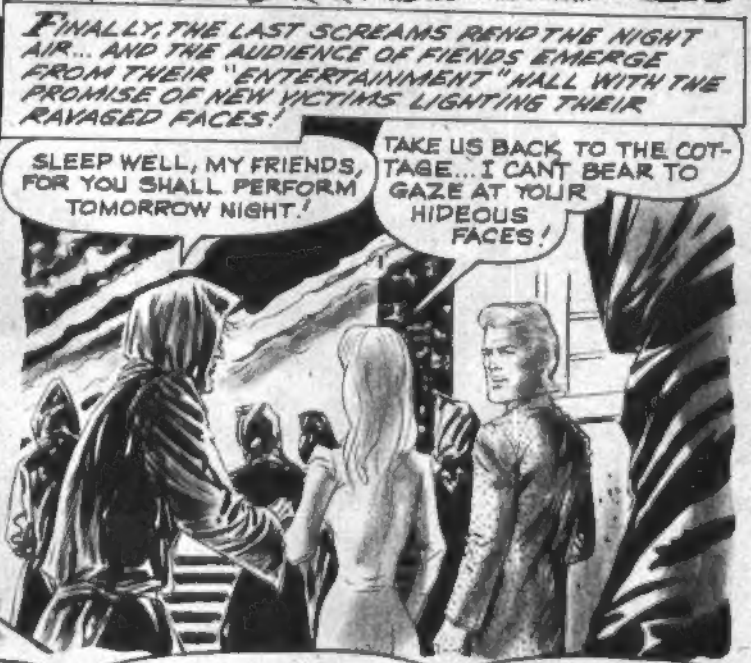
FEED WELL, MY PRETTY ONE FEED WELL!
MY FATHER! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY FATHER?
WHAT MONSTROUS PLACE IS THIS? WHO ARE YOU?
IT IS TIME YOU KNEW THE TRUTH!
WE ARE PEOPLE OF DARKNESS--OF THE REGIONS OF FLAME AND DEATH--AND THIS IS WHERE WE SPEND OUR SUMMERS--FOR SPORT--AND ENTERTAINMENT... AS YOU SHALL DISCOVER!
YOU'RE WITCHES!

DRAGGED TO A RAT INFESTED COTTAGE BY THEIR UNEARTHLY CAPTORS, THE TWO WAIT IN NUMBING TERROR FOR THE DOOM THAT HOVERS OVER THEM LIKE A GREEDY VULTURE!
THE AMUSEMENT HALL IS OPEN--AND THE PERFORMANCE HAS BEGUN! STUDY IT CAREFULLY, FOR TOMORROW YOU SHALL PERFORM FOR US!
WITH THE SOUND OF WILD LAUGHTER AND LOUD APPLAUSE SOUNDING IN THEIR EARS, THE COUPLE IS LED TO A SCENE MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE LAUGHTER... AND A FIENDISH LUST OF THE APPLAUSE!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US? AND WHAT DID THEY MEAN BY ENTERTAINMENT?
ONE OF THEM IS COMING!
WHY DON'T YOU KILL US AND BE DONE WITH IT!? WHY MUST YOU PLAY WITH US?
HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR ENTERTAINMENT?
AIEEEEEE!
OH, NO! NO!


COME! COME WHY DO YOU SHRINK FROM HER LOVING EMBRACE!
LET ME GO! LET ME GO!

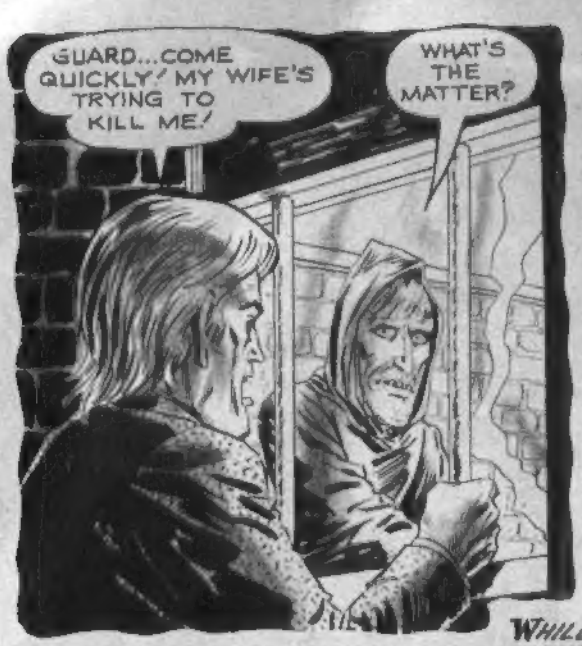
ONE BY ONE THE PERFORMERS ARE BROUGHT ONTO THE STAGE TO DO THEIR BIT... AND THEIR SHRIEKS OF AGONY RING THROUGH THE HALL...
YAAAGHH!

ENCORE! ENCORE!
MORE! MORE!
STOP! STOP! YAAAH!


FINALLY, THE LAST SCREAMS REND THE NIGHT AIR... AND THE AUDIENCE OF FIENDS EMERGE FROM THEIR "ENTERTAINMENT" HALL WITH THE PROMISE OF NEW VICTIMS LIGHTING THEIR RAVAGED FACES!
SLEEP WELL, MY FRIENDS, FOR YOU SHALL PERFORM TOMORROW NIGHT!
TAKE US BACK TO THE COTTAGE... I CAN'T BEAR TO GAZE AT YOUR HIDEOUS FACES!

WHAT CAN WE DO, JIM? WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE MUST ESCAPE, MARY! THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT... I HAVE IT... THE MISSION!

THE MISSION WE PASSED IS JUST A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY... AND WITCHES CANNOT LIVE UNDER THE SOUND OF CHURCH BELLS! IF I COULD GET TO THOSE BELLS!...
WE'D BE SAVED! BUT THEY'VE PLACED A GUARD OUTSIDE THE DOOR!



As the guard steps into the cottage, two strong and determined hands reach out to crush the life from his throat...

While the monstrous creature in the pool watches its masters evil rites, a grim figure slips away into the night...

But as Mary waits for the sound of hope, the witches come in search of the missing guard and bring with them the appalling chill of violent death!

WHAT WAS THAT SOUND? IT COULDN'T BE...
IT'S JIM! HE'S REACHED THE CHURCH ON TIME!
CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!
AS THE SOUND OF THE BELLS RING IN THE WARM SUMMER AIR THE DEMONS OF DARKNESS CROUCH LIKE WOUNDED ANIMALS...
AIEEEE! THE BELLS!
WE ARE DOOMED! DOOMED TO DIE IN FLAMES!
THE FLAMES! YAAAAAH!
AAAARGH!
THE FIRE CONTINUES TO DEVOUR THE AGONIZED CREATURES... UNTIL THE COLONY OF HORROR BECOMES A ROARING INFERNO...
YAAAGHHH!
AAARGHH!
JIM! JIM DARLING... WHERE ARE YOU?
SOON JIM AND MARY ARE TOGETHER WATCHING THE COLONY BEING DEVOURED IN FLAMES! LEAVING THE MONSTER IN THE POOL... STILL HUNGRY... STILL WAITING... FOR FOOD!
IT'S HORRIBLE, JIM! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!
THEY DIE AS THEY DESERVE TO DIE, MARY... IN FIRE!
The End

LOTS OF RUMORS HAVE BEEN FLOATING AROUND LATELY ABOUT A MAN WHO TRICKED ME! I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO GET THE INSIDE-DOPE... PULL YOUR CHAIRS CLOSER... MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE... NO NEED TO SHIVER NOW. THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHIVERING AFTER I'VE FINISHED MY STORY...
SIGNED IN BLOOD

ANYBODY WHO CAN READ A HEADLINE HAS HEARD OF JEFF HAGSTONE..THE WORLD'S GREATEST LAWYER. WELL...MY STORY STARTS IN HAGSTONE'S DARKENED STUDY...
JEFF...YOU'RE CRAZY! I WARN YOU.. DON'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!
HE'S RIGHT, JEFF! YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WANT... FAME, WEALTH, A JUDGESHIP FOR THE ASKING! WHY SHOULD YOU RISK YOUR SOUL?
BECAUSE, GENTLEMEN, I AM THE ONLY MAN ALIVE WITH THE PRECISE COMBINATION OF BRAINS AND BACKGROUND THAT WILL ENABLE ME TO TRICK THE DEVIL!
JEFF, IT CAN'T BE DONE! THE DEVIL NEVER MAKES GOOD ON HIS BARGAINS! REMEMBER TED MAXWELL? HAVEN'T SEEN HIM LATELY, HAVE YOU? KNOW WHY? BECAUSE HE TRIED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE DEVIL!
TED WAS OBSESSED ALL HIS LIFE WITH FINDING A WOMAN OF FLAWLESS BEAUTY HE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, SPENT MILLIONS... AT LAST IN DESPERATION HE CALLED ON THE DEVIL...
AT YOUR SERVICE, MR. MAXWELL!
I-I KNOW WHAT YOU'LL WANT IN EXCHANGE... BUT I'M WILLING! TAKE MY SOUL... BUT GIVE ME THE DAUGHTER OF THE HANDSOMEST MAN AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ALIVE TODAY!
THAT CAN BE EASILY ARRANGED! JUST SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE... IN BLOOD OF COURSE..

THE ROOM WAS SUDDENLY SHROUDED IN DARKNESS BUT THEN... IN A CORNER... SLOWLY TAKING SHAPE INSIDE A SWIRLING MIST... APPEARED A GIRL...
ALL MY LIFE... I'VE BEEN WAITING ALL MY LIFE FOR THIS!
TED TIP-TOED FORWARD. HIS FINGERS TREMBLED AS HE LIFTED THE VEIL...
NEEEEE! A LEPER!
SHE IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, MR. MAXWELL. THE DAUGHTER OF THE HANDSOMEST MAN AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD/AND YOU TOUCHED HER... HEH HEH!
VERY INTERESTING... BUT WHAT CHANCE DID A HEAD-IN-THE-CLOUDS DILLETANTE HAVE WITH THE DEVIL? I HAVE THE EQUIPMENT/I CAN HANDLE HIM!
WHAT ABOUT BULLOF, THE LITMANIAN DIPLOMAT? HE WAS KNOWN AS THE HARDEST BARGAINER IN THE WORLD! DID YOU HEAR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
TELL HIM THE STORY, JEFF MUST BE DISSUADED!
POWER WAS WHAT BULLOF WANTED, SO HE WAS EAGER TO EXCHANGE HIS SOUL FOR THE PREMIERSHIP OF LITMANIA
JUST SIGN HERE... IN BLOOD MR. BULLOF!

THE BLOOD WAS STILL WET ON THE CONTRACT WHEN BULLOF HEARD WINDS RUSHING INSIDE HIS HEAD... AND THE ROOM BEGAN TO TILT CRAZILY...
WHEN BULLOF CAME TO...
THE PREMIER'S OFFICE... THE MEDAL PINNED TO MY JACKET... I'M THE PREMIER OF LITMANIA!
TODAY I WILL ISSUE MY FIRST PROCLAMATION. EVERY YEAR HENCEFORTH THIS DAY SHALL BE KNOWN AS BULLOF DAY, AND...
WHO DARES ENTER THE PREMIER'S PRIVATE OFFICE WITHOUT BEING ANNOUNCED?
THE DEVIL HAD CHEATED AGAIN! FOR BULLOF'S UN-ANNOUNCED VISITOR WAS A POLITICAL ASSASSIN, AND SO, BULLOF'S PRE-MIERSHIP LASTED EXACTLY FORTY-TWO SECONDS..
DESPOT, TYRANT, DIE!
AAAARGH!
TWO PRETTY GRIM TALES OF ME AT MY BEST, EH.. BUT JEFF HAGSTONE WOULD NOT BE DISSUADED..
FOR THE LAST TIME REMEMBER THIS... NEITHER BULLOF NOR MAXWELL HAD ANY LEGAL BACKGROUND. COME BACK TOMORROW NIGHT, AND I GUARANTEE YOU THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIVES!

THEN HE RETURNED TO HIS STUDY AND PUT THROUGH A CALL FOR ME.
RISE, DEVIL, RISE... FROM THE DEPTHS BELOW! RISE, DEVIL, RISE! THERE IS EVIL TO SOW!
AT YOUR SERVICE, MR. HAGSTONE!
HAGSTONE WAS BRUSQUE, BUSINESSLIKE. IN CLEAR LEGAL LANGUAGE HE TOLD ME JUST WHAT HE WANTED...
TEN BILLION DOLLARS DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY IN EXCHANGE FOR MY SOUL AFTER I DIE!
HMM... THAT CAN BE ARRANGED!
I HAVE ONE IMPORTANT STIPULATION. THE CONTRACT FORM MUST BE MINE... NOT YOURS
CONFOUND IT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TANGLE WITH THE GREATEST LAWYER IN THE WORLD! YOU MEAN TO TIE MY HANDS WITH A MILLION PROHIBITORY CLAUSES!
THIS BEATS ME! YOU'RE A LEGAL GENIUS!
EVERY POSSIBLE LOOPHOLE THAT MIGHT WORK TO MY DISADVANTAGE HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED... IN BLACK AND WHITE!

NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT SIGN IT I GUESS... TO MAKE THOSE CLAUSES BINDING, YOU'LL HAVE TO SIGN EACH ONE SEPER-ATELY!
OF COURSE... AND IN BLOOD, TOO! THERE ISN'T A THING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR WAY OF HANDLING THINGS!
SO JEFFREY HAG-STONE BEGAN TO SIGN.
IT TOOK ALMOST ALL NIGHT...
AND LOTS OF BLOOD...
HE'S DEAD!
SEE HOW PALE HE IS .. AND THAT DRY OPEN WOUND ON HIS FOREARM! HE MUST BE COMPLETELY DRAINED OF BLOOD!
WHEN HIS FRIENDS CAME THE NEXT NIGHT, JEFF HAGSTONE KEPT HIS WORD. THEY GOT THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES!
THAT'S THE STORY... ANY-BODY ELSE WANT TO TRY TO TRICK ME ..HEH HEH HEH! STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE, BUT YOUR SOULS...!
THE END

ONCE AGAIN WE GO BACK TO THE CLASSICS FOR OUR "BOO OF THE MONTH" SELECTION, AND THIS TIME WE'VE COME UP WITH A SNOCKER THAT WE'VE CALLED

A GIFT OF HORROR

anniversary Greetings

THERESA MAGGI HAD ONE BIT OF JOY IN HER UNHAPPY LIFE HER CURLING IRON! IT WOULD SOOTHE HER. . MAKING THE LONG DREARY HOURS AT LEAST LIVEABLE!

I WONDER HOW I CAN DO MY HAIR....NOW LET'S SEE...

AND FELIX MAGGI'S WHOLE DISRUPTED LIFE REVOLVED AROUND HIS WATCH! HE WAS A CONDUCTOR... AND EVERYONE SAID HE HAD THE MOST ACCURATE WATCH ON THE RAILROAD!

AHH... IT'S 12:12! RIGHT ON THE BUTTON! WHAT... A WATCH!

BUT FELIX AND THERESA MAGGI SEEMED TO HAVE A WALL BETWEEN THEM! THEN ONE NIGHT... WHILE THEY PREPARED TO GO TO A PARTY.
IT'S 8:36! AREN'T YOU READY, THERESA?
I WAS CURLING MY HAIR! I'M TRYING A NEW STYLE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ALWAYS WITH YOUR HAIR AND THAT CURLING IRON!
YOU'RE A FINE ONE... FOR TALKING!
YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AT YOUR WATCH... CONTINUALLY TELLING ME THE TIME! TICK...TICK...TICK .. THAT'S HOW YOUR WATCH GOES... AND THAT'S HOW YOU GO! TICK... TICK...
SHUT UP! SOMEDAY... YOU'LL BURN YOUR HEAD OFF... WITH THAT MISERABLE CURLING IRON!
YOUR WATCH... IS YOUR WIFE! WELL, I'M GOING TO BED! GOOD NIGHT!
AND... THAT CURLING IRON... HAS TAKEN MY PLACE! IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS... GOOD NIGHT!
SLAM!
SLAM!

THAT NIGHT FELIX SEETHED WITH HATRED! SO. IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE MORNING HE CREPT FROM HIS BEDROOM... AND
...WITHOUT REGARD FOR NOISE THAT MIGHT AWAKEN HIS WIFE...HE DID SOME DAMAGE!
WHAM
ALMOST AS IF HER HUSBAND'S HATRED WAS TELEGRAPHED TO HER, THERESA MAGGI FELT A SURGE! AND.. A LITTLE LATER... SHE TOO CAME FROM HER ROOM... TIPTOEING..
THE NEXT MORNING..
TO COMMIT A SMALL BUT SATISFYING BIT OF DAMAGE!
MY CURLING IRON... SMASHED TO SMITHEREENS! OHH! IT'S HORRIBLE!
MY WATCH... A JUMBLED MESS OF SPRINGS AND GEARS.. IT'S TERRIBLE!
WHAT DID WE DO? WE'VE BROKEN OUR LIVES!
WE TOOK OUT OUR TEMPERS ON THE THINGS EACH OF US LOVED! IT WAS A BAD MISTAKE!
WHAM

YES... IT WAS A BAD MISTAKE! BUT.. NOTHING THAT CAN'T BE FIXED!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE MUST MEND THE SPLIT BETWEEN US ONCE AND FOR ALL!
FELIX... IT'LL BE OUR ANNIVERSARY SOON! WE CAN SHOW OUR LOVE... WITH GIFTS! THAT WILL BE OUR WAY... THE MAGGI WAY!
YES... IT'S TIME FOR GIVING.. AND RECEIVING! LET'S THINK OF THE GIFTS THAT WE'LL GIVE EACH OTHER!
SO THAT NIGHT FELIX DREAMT ABOUT THE GIFT HE WAS GOING TO GIVE HIS WIFE...
..THERESA... WHO HAD SOOTHING DREAMS ... DREAMS ABOUT HER GIFT TO FELIX!
THEIR ANNIVERSARY DAY CAME! FELIX MAGGI DECIDED UPON HIS GIFT... AND AS HE MADE HIS WAY HOME... HE THOUGHT OF THE JOY HE WOULD GIVE HIS WIFE!
AND THERESA MAGGI WANTED TO GIVE HAPPINESS TO HER HUSBAND ALSO, SHE WAS CONTENTED WITH THE GIFT SHE WOULD GIVE TO HIM!
OHH, WILL THERESA GET A CHARGE OUT OF THIS!
I'M SURE FELIX WILL GET A BANG OUT OF THE GIFT I BOUGHT HIM!

WHEN THERESA OPENED HER GIFT, SHE FOUND
A NEW CURLING IRON! WHAT A LOVELY GIFT!
WHILE FELIX RECEIVED FROM HIS WIFE...
A NEW WATCH! JUST.. WHAT I WANTED!
THEY LEFT EACH OTHER SOON AFTER THAT AND WHEN THERESA WAS ALONE.
I MUST TRY IT! IT'S SO MODERN! IT'LL PROBABLY DO WONDERS FOR MY HAIR!
AND WHILE FELIX WALKED THE STREETS
IT'S A FINE WATCH! WITH SUCH A LOUD TICK!
THERESA DID GET THE THE CHARGE OF HER LIFE FROM FELIX!... THE CURLING IRON ELECTROCUTED HER!
AND FELIX GOT THE BIGGEST BANG HE EVER GOT... THE WATCH WAS A TIME-BOMB!
BLAM
THE END

IT WAS A QUIET MORNING, A BRIGHT SUN. THERE WAS NO HINT OF THE HORROR THAT WAS TO COME AND JOE TURNER, A QUIET MAN, WENT TO WORK, NOT REALIZING THAT IN A SHORT TIME HE WOULD BE IN THE ..
CREATURE'S CRYPT

HOW DID IT ALL HAPPEN? LET US TURN THE CLOCK BACK AND FOCUS ON A NEW YORK STREET CORNER...
SO LONG, MARY I'LL MEET YOU FOR LUNCH!
THAT WILL BE SWELL, JOE. BE CAREFUL!
C'MON, JOE, HERE COMES OUR CAR! DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR WORK, DO YOU?
SUPPLY
MAYBE THE WORLD IS IN A MESS THESE DAYS, BUT I'VE GOT MY GIRL, IT'S SPRING, AND I FEEL AS IF NOTHING COULD GO WRONG!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, JOE, BUT ALL I'M THINKING ABOUT IS THAT BIG BOILER WE'VE GOT TO CLEAN!
AS JOE AND SANDY GO TO WORK THEY'VE DONE FOR HUNDREDS OF OTHER MORNINGS, A PHONE RINGS ON A DESK IN WASHINGTON...
GENERAL, THE ATLANTIC RADAR NETWORK HAS PICKED UP UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT HEADING TOWARD NEW YORK AT 900 MILES AN HOUR!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE CAPTAIN!
LOOK, GENERAL, AT THE RATE OF APPROACH THEY'LL BE OVER THE CITY IN LESS THAN AN HOUR!
SEND OUT OUR BEST WINGS TO INTERCEPT THEM IMMEDIATELY!
SQUAD LEADER JONES REPORTING IN. SHOULD ENGAGE ENEMY IN A FEW MINUTES. ROGER AND OUT!

STRANGE, UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SUDDENLY COME JETTING INTO SIGHT LIKE OMINOUS BIRDS OF DOOM!
THIS IS JONES REPORTING IN! THE AIRCRAFT HAVE NO INSIGNIA AND THEY LOOK LIKE THEY MIGHT HAVE COME FROM MARS - OR FROM HELL!
AND THE PLANES LOOK LIKE BATS! THEY'RE JET PROPELLED, BUT NO EARTHMAN HAS EVER CONSTRUCTED SUCH A MODEL!
TELL JONES TO ATTACK! WE'LL TAKE NO CHANCES!
ALL RIGHT, YOU HIDEOUS BLACK DEVILS! TAKE THIS!
AS THE HOT LEAD FROM SQUAD LEADER JONES' GUNS PIERCES THE BLACK ARMOR OF THE STRANGE CRAFT, THERE IS A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AND IT DESTROYS ALL THE PLANES IN THE AIR...
KAA-RROOMMMMM

EXCEPT ONE
IT WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN AN ATOM BOMB, GENERAL! IT'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
ALL OUR PLANES WERE DESTROYED, GENERAL! ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT STILL ALOFT- HEADING FOR NEW YORK!
IN A FEW MINUTES HE'LL BE THERE AND NOTHING CAN STOP HIM! ALERT NEW YORK!
BUT THE BLACK PLANE, WITH A BURST OF SPEED IS ALREADY OVER THE CITY.
MEANWHILE IN A DEEP BASEMENT UNDER A NEW YORK OFFICE BUILDING, JOE TURNER WORKS INSID A HUGE BOILER, UNAWARE OF THE BLACK MENACE IN THE SKY...
SAY, LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT IS IT, A GAG?
LOOK! IT'S DROPPING SOMETHING!
GO AHEAD UP, SANDY! I'LL MEET YOU UPSTAIRS. I'LL BE DONE IN A FEW MINUTES!
OKAY, JOE, BUT HURRY UP!
AS SANDY REACHES THE STREET HE IS GREETED BY DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!
AHHHHH...!
MY GOD! WHAT WAS THAT! EVERYTHING IS VIBRATING! IT... IT MUST BE AN EARTHQUAKE!

A LITTLE OF THE NOXIOUS GASES RELEASED BY THE EXPLOSION SEEPS INTO JOES BOILER STIFLING HIM-BLACKING OUT HIS SENSES!
WHAT IS...(COUGH) THIS! I...I CAN (COUGH-COUGH) HARDLY BREATHE! OHOOOOO...
AND WHILE LIFE FLICKERS IN JOE TURNER, A HUGE POISONOUS CLOUD OF GAS REACHES OVER THE WHOLE WORLD, WIPING OUT LIFE WHEREVER IT GOES, CLUTCHING THE WORLD IN A HUGE BLACK HAND OF DEATH!
FOR HOURS A MYSTERIOUS MIST COVERS THE WORLD LIKE A SHROUD! FOR ALL THAT LIES BENEATH IT SEEMS DEAD AND FOREVER SILENT!
BUT SOME HOURS LATER, DEEP BENEATH THE RUBBLE THAT WAS ONCE THE GREATEST AND MIGHTIEST OF CITIES, ONE MAN MOVES..
OOOH! HEAD FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN HIT BY A SLEDGE HAMMER... WHERE AM I? OH, I REMEMBER NOW... EVERYTHING WAS SHAKING
FUNNY.. NOBODY AROUND! GOT TO GET OUT. FIND MARY!
WHY, THAT LOOKS LIKE SANDY! I'LL TURN HIM OVER AND SEE... MAYBE I CAN HELP HIM..

SLOWLY JOE TURNS HIS BEST FRIEND OVER, BUT WHAT HE SEES IS MORE HORRIFIC THAN THE NIGHTMARE OF A MADMAN!
MAYBE HE'S STILL ALI.. AAAAAH!!
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE! I MUST BE HAVING A CRAZY NIGHTMARE! IN A MINUTE EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT AGAIN! I'LL WAKE UP! OH, MARY... MARY... MARY...
SHE MUST BE IN HER OFFICE...I'LL FIND HER!
AND JOE FINDS THE CORPSE THAT WAS HIS GOLDEN HAIRED GIRL EARLY THAT MORNING! HE STARES BLANKLY AND A GREAT TERRIBLE QUESTION FORMS IN HIS BRAIN...
MARY IS DEAD, TOO!
AND IN THIS CITY OF THE DEAD, A LONE WAILING VOICE ECHOES THROUGH THE EMPTY STREETS, FALLING UPON THE DEAF EARS OF THE DEAD THE VOICE OF JOE TURNER, ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE!
A QUESTION WHICH HE FINALLY SPEAKS ALOUD!
EVERYONE IS DEAD! IS THERE NO ONE ELSE ALIVE ON ALL THIS EARTH?
HA-HA-HA-HA I AM ALONE! ALONE! ALONE! HA-HA-HA-HA!

THIS IS MY CITY... MY WORLD! HA HA! THERE IS NOTHING I CAN'T HAVE!
JEWELS WORTH MILLIONS! THEY ARE ALL MINE!
COME ON! SAY SOMETHING TO ME, BLAST YOU! I HAVEN'T HEARD A HUMAN VOICE IN MONTHS! TALK! TALK!
CRAZED BY LONELINESS, JOE WANDERS THE CITY! EVERY STORE, EVERY SAFE, EVERYTHING IS AVAILABLE TO HIM, EXCEPT A SINGLE HUMAN HAND THAT IS ALIVE!
MY GUESTS AREN'T VERY TALKATIVE TONIGHT, BUT THEY MUST BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES... SEE HOW THEY GRIN!
FINALLY JOE CAN STAND THE CITY NO LONGER, AND MAKES A DECISION...
I CAN'T BURY THEM ALL... AND THEY STARE AT ME SO ACCUSINGLY WITH THEIR DEAD EYES! I'VE GOT TO LEAVE!
MAYBE SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW THERE IS ANOTHER STILL ALIVE!

FOR WEEKS THE THING THAT WAS ONCE JOE TURNER WANDERS THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND FINALLY-ONE MIDNIGHT, HE SEES
A LIGHT! HAVE I REALLY FOUND SOMEONE ELSE WHO LIVES ON THIS DEAD BARREN EARTH?
BUT THE LIFE JOE HAS FOUND ARE CREATURES OF THE ATOMIC AGE! NEW FORMS OF LIFE THAT HAVE ARISEN IN THE DEAD, RADIO-ACTIVE LAND!
NO. DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY! I'M YOUR FRIEND! A FRIEND, DO YOU HEAR? SPEAK TO ME... SAY SOMETHING! SPEAK TO ME!
BUT THE CREATURES DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE LAST EARTHMAN OF THE OLD AGE, AND THEY DESTROY HIM AS THE CAVEMEN OF ANOTHER ERA DESTROYED WILD BEASTS WITH THEIR CLUBS! AND THE LAST THING JOE TURNER HEARS IS THE WEIRD LANGUAGE OF A NEW RACE.

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SPELLS OF EVIL

BLACK MAGIC IS CONCERNED WITH THE CALLING FORTH OF DEMONS AND DEVILS. IT CALLS UPON THESE MONSTERS TO PLAGUE MANKIND BY USING SUCH DEVICES...

THE EVIL EYE! WITCHES AND SORCERERS THE WORLD OVER STRIKE DREAD AND HORRIBLE FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF MEN AS THEY PARALYZE THEIR VICTIMS WITH GLANCES OF EVIL!

THE SPELL! PRACTITIONERS IN THE BLACK ARTS MAKES WAX DUMMIES OF OF PEOPLE WHICH, IF HARMED, WILL AFFECT THE HEALTH OF THE ACTUAL PERSON!

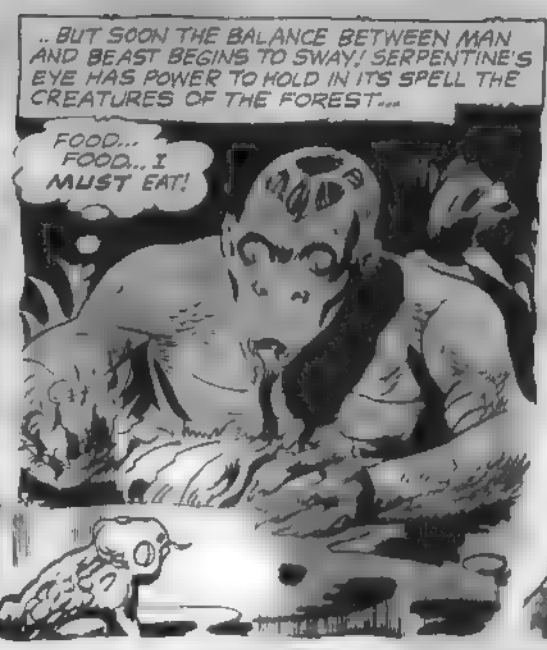
INCANTATIONS WHEN THE MOON IS FULL AND BLOOD RED, DESERTED FIELDS MOAN WITH THE CHANTS OF DEMONS AND DEVILS CALLING TO THEIR RULER FOR STRENGTH!

SYMBOLS! SUCH THINGS AS BLACK CATS, A DECK OF CARDS OR A CRYSTAL BALL ARE OFTEN USED BY THE MONSTERS OF EVIL TO HELP THEM IN THEIR WORK. THEY USE THESE SYMBOLS AS BRANDS TO ANNOUNCE THEIR PRESENCE!

OUT OF THE SIGHT OF MAN CRAWLED A SLIMY, GIANT REPTILE... HUNTED... SHUNNED!!! ONCE ITS DARTING, FORKED TONGUE TASTED THE BLOOD OF A HUMAN BEING, THE PUTRID, DEADLY VENOM FLOWED.
THE SLIMY SNAKEMAN
YAAAAEEEEE
...AND HERE HE IS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN SERPENTINE! THE WORLD'S GREATEST PHENOMENON! HE HISSES... HE CRAWLS... HE HAS SCALES OF A SNAKE, BUT HE WAS BORN OF HUMAN PARENTS!
GOSH!
GEE!
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO SEND HIM DOWN ON THE BUS ALONE! HAVE THE DRIVER LOOK AFTER HIM!
YEAH! I'LL PUT A TAG ON HIM TOO! DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'D WANT HIM AT THE FUNERAL! HE CAN HARDLY TALK!

THE MIND OF THE SNAKE-MAN IS CONFUSED AT THE THOUGHT OF ENTERING THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
SERPENTINE, THIS MIGHT NOT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU BUT WHEN YOUR MOTHER DIED, HER LAST WISH WAS FOR YOU TO BE AT HER FUNERAL!
YEAH! NOW HERE'S OUR NEXT STOP! KEEP IT WITH YOU AND GET ON THE RIGHT BUS! YOU'RE OUR BEST ATTRACTION AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!
HISS!
PROPERTY OF BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS
CONFUSION TURNS TO FEAR AS INSTINCT TELLS HIM THAT THE PASSENGERS CRINGE AT THE SIGHT OF HIS GHASTLY, SNAKE-LIKE BODY...
SANTA BARBARA! THIRTY MINUTE DINNER STOP! YOU COME WITH ME, SERPENTINE!
WHY DO THEY HATE ME? I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE...
GIVE HIM A HAM SANDWICH AND A MALT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
OH, ALL RIGHT IF YOU SAY SO!
SHE CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT ME! I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE CIRCUS!
WHAT'S HE SUPPOSED TO BE? UBI, THE BIRD BRAIN?
NAW... HE'S SERPENTINE THE HUMAN REPTILE! WE DON'T LIKE YOU ON THE BUS WITH US!
LIKE A CORNERED BEAST, THE SNAKE-MAN FEELS INFERIOR AND SOMETHING WITHIN HIM SAYS RUN... RUN... RUN!!
CRAWL OUT OF HERE SNAKEMAN!
LEAVE THE GUY ALONE!
HISS!
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER? COME BACK! NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!
THAT GUY SHOULDN'T BE LET AROUND LOOSE!

FEAR AND CONFUSION BESET HIM! USED TO BEING CARED FOR, HE IS LOST AND HELPLESS...
WHERE CAN I GO? WHO WOULD WANT ME?


..BUT SOON THE BALANCE BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST BEGINS TO SWAY! SERPENTINE'S EYE HAS POWER TO HOLD IN ITS SPELL THE CREATURES OF THE FOREST...
FOOD... FOOD... I MUST EAT!

..AND ALREADY THE WARM BLOOD HAS TURNED COLD... COLD AS HIS CHANGING FEELING TOWARD HUMANITY, THE HORRID VENOM NOW OOZES FROM HIS FANGS LONG AND SHARP!

THE MIND, TOO, GROWS SHARP WITH ALL THE CUNNING OF A SERPENT, AND LIKE A GHOUL UPON A ROTTING CORPSE THE MORE JEKYL-THAN-MAN CREEPS FROM OUT HIS HIDING AND STALKS IN THE NIGHT...
JIM! I HEARD SOMETHING. N... IN THE YARD!
THE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN ACTING UP ALL DAY! I'LL TAKE A LOOK! PROBABLY A FOX
ARF ARF

HEY! YOU STOP OR I'LL SHOOT!

GOOD LORD! WHAT IS THAT?
B

KILL
KILL MAN
HISSSSSSS
NOW IN THAT SMALL MIND GROWS A NEW EMOTION... HATRED! HATRED FOR MAN WHO HAS MADE HIM A SLIMY CRAWLING FUGITIVE. AND HIS EVIL HEART POUNDING LIKE GHASTLY CANNIBAL DRUMS, THROBS OUT THE SINGLE THEME... KILL!

ARMED ONLY WITH THE GRUESOME FANGS WHICH DRIP DEADLY VENOM THE FIEND FORGETS HIS FEAR AND LEAVES THE PROTECTIVE FOREST...
HISSS!

HELP ME!
NOW THAT THE MONSTER HAS TASTED THE WARM, SWEET BLOOD, HE BECOMES A CANNIBAL! THIRSTING FOR MORE, MORE... MORE! AND THIS LUST FOR BLOOD AND VENGEANCE CARRIES HIM TO EVERY CORNER OF THE CITY...
HUMAN BLOOD IT'S SWEET TO MY TONGUE!
HISSSS!
HISSSSS
ARRR

LOOK OUT! MARY! RUN! KIDS RUN!
HISSSS!

THIS MONSTER MUST BE STOPPED! McCORMICK GIVE THIS STORY TO THE PAPERS! COLLINS, HAVE YOUR DEPARTMENT CARRY OUT THE ORDERS I GAVE YOU!

LLETIN
SNAKE-MAN BELIEVED HEADING SOUTH; CORDON STRETCHED OVER ALL AREAS
Police everywhere alerted
ALL ASKED TO COOPERATE BY REMAINING LOCKED IN HOUSES

SURROUNDED, SERPENTINE SLITHERS THRU WOODS, INTO TREES EAGER TO KILL, TO AVENGE TO SINK DEADLY FANGS INTO MEN...
IF WE GET HIM, IT'LL MEAN A PROMOTION! BUT WHAT A WAY TO GET STRIPES!
YOU STAY HERE: I'LL CHECK FARTHER DOWN

HISSSSS
KEEP MOVING... GOT TO KEEP MOVING..
LIKE A MAGNET EXERTING ITS POWER OVER HIM, THE GRUESOME HUMAN-SNAKE WAS DRAWN ON...

THE HOMING INSTINCT, STRONG WITHIN HIM, HAS LURED HIM BACK, SEEKING THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF HIS OLD HOME...
CANCLED
THEY'LL HIDE ME... THEY'LL PROTECT ME!

IT... IT'S HIM! HE'S COME TO GET US... HELP!

SHUNNED! SCORNED, THE MONSTER'S HATRED INCREASES...
THEY'RE BOTH DEAD! HE MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE! LET THE DOGS LOOSE! WE'LL TRACK HIM DOWN!

NO, HIS INSTINCT LED HIM TO THE FETID HOME OF BROTHER MONSTERS
REPTILE HOUSE

THE GHASTLY CONCLAVE MET TO WREAK HAVOC ON THE MORTAL ENEMY... MAN...
MY BROTHERS... LET US GO AND AVENGE OURSELVES ON THOSE WHO KEEP US DOWNTRODDEN!
TO GIANT KING BOA CONSTRICTOR OLDEST AND LARGEST SNAKE IN CAPTIVITY
HISSSS

AH... YOU ARE A BEAUTY! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A MINUTE!

WE NEED YOUR STRENGTH IN OUR FIGHT! YOU ARE FREE! JOIN US!
CRASH!
HISSSS

QUICK, NOW! THE DOGS ARE HEADED FOR THE REPTILE HOUSE
ARF
OWWOOOOO
ARF
ARF
ARF

BUT THE BOA MISTAKES THE BROTHERLY GESTURE OF THE SNAKE-MAN...
HE'S ATTACKING ?
THE TWO LOCKED IN DEADLY COMBAT...THE POISON FANGS AGAINST THE RIPPLING MUSCLES...
WHY DOESN'T HE DIE? I--I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE!
OH, GOD! ALL THE FIENDS OF HELL ARE LOOSE!
WE'LL HAVE TO GET THE SNAKES FIRST! GET THE SACK READY!
HISSS
GOOD LORD!
OH, NO! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE! HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT POISONOUS AND NON-POISONOUS SNAKES ARE DEADLY ENEMIES, AND THAT NON-POISONOUS SNAKES ARE IMMUNE TO VENOM!
THE END

THERE'S A BLOOD-SUCKER AMONG US!

I AM MISS ALLBRIGHT! I TEACH THE SECOND GRADE AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL ON HARWELL LANE! THIS IS A FINE TOWN BUT -- SHHHHH -- BETTER LET ME WHISPER THIS... THERE IS A BLOOD-SUCKER AMONG US!

"I'VE BEEN IN THIS TOWN ONLY SIX MONTHS, BUT THE FIRST I KNEW OF IT WAS THE NIGHT DR. SWEDER WAS ATTACKED...

"DR. SWEDER WAS FOUND THE NEXT MORNING, COMPLETELY DRAINED OF HIS BLOOD, WITH TWO NEAT LITTLE PUNCTURES IN HIS THROAT...

REALLY, GENTLEMEN THIS IS THE 20TH CENTURY! VAMPIRES...! HOW ABSURD CAN YOU GET? DO YOU REALIZE THE PANIC THAT WILL SPREAD IF YOU KEEP TALKING THIS WAY?

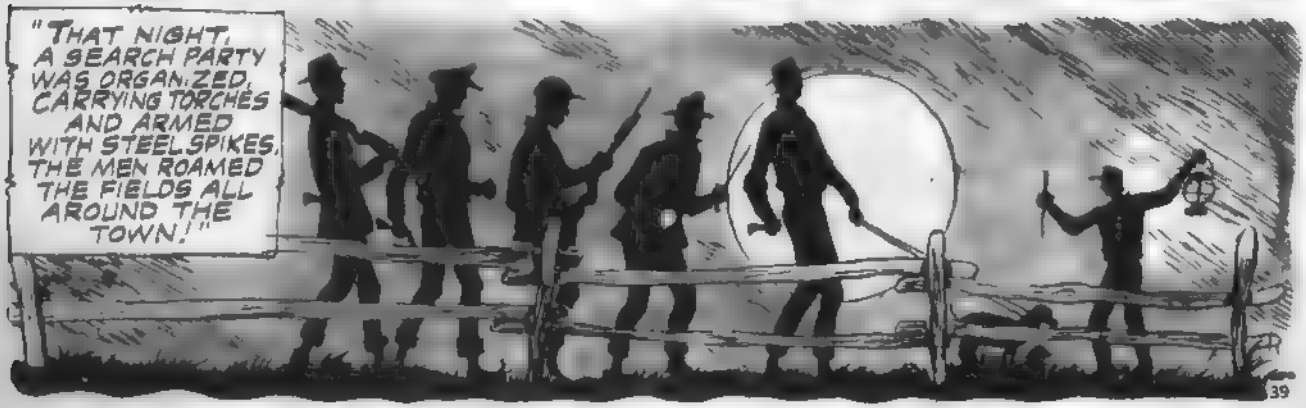
"POLICE PROMISED TO HANDLE THE MATTER AS A ROUTINE MURDER..."
LUCKY FOR US THAT MISS ALLBRIGHT HAS A STEADY HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS...

"BUT THE NEXT TIME THE FULL MOON ROSE..."

"THE VAMPIRE STRUCK AGAIN..."

"THIS TIME THE VICTIM WAS MR. WALLNER, A LAWYER..."

"MR WALLNER WAS FOUND THE NEXT MORNING, COMPLETELY DRAINED OF BLOOD WITH THE SAME TWO NEAT LITTLE PUNCTURES IN HIS THROAT..."
THERE'S NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT! SOMEBODY IN THIS TOWN IS A VAMPIRE!


"THAT NIGHT, A SEARCH PARTY WAS ORGANIZED. CARRYING TORCHES AND ARMED WITH STEEL SPIKES, THE MEN ROAMED THE FIELDS ALL AROUND THE TOWN!"

"BUT WHEN MORNING CAME, THEY TRUDGED BACK, DISCOURAGED AND EMPTY HANDED...

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW?

PATROL THE STREETS AT NIGHT AND KEEP ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN INDOORS!

"WHEN TWO MONTHS PASSED AND THE VAMPIRE HAD NOT STRUCK AGAIN, TENSE NERVES BEGAN TO SLACKEN! PEOPLE WALKED THE STREETS AGAIN, AND THE NIGHT PATROLS WERE DISCONTINUED!"

"IT WAS JUST ABOUT THEN THAT THIS NEW BOY CAME TO SCHOOL! HIS NAME WAS JETHROE TURNER! HE HAD A PALE FACE WITH REMARKABLY BRILLIANT RED LIPS..."

CHILDREN, JETHROE IS YOUR NEW CLASSMATE, AND I WANT YOU ALL TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM!

"I ASKED LITTLE JETHROE SOME QUESTIONS..."

JETHROE, I WANT YOU TO TELL US ALL ABOUT YOURSELF... FIRST... WHAT SORT OF WORK DOES YOUR DADDY DO? IS HE A CARPENTER? A LAWYER? A MILKMAN?

"JETHROE SAID "NO" AND THEN HE RAISED HIMSELF ON TIPTOES AND WHISPERED INTO MY EAR..."

MY DADDY IS A VAMPIRE!

"I MUST CONFESS THAT I WAS TERRIBLY SHOCKED!"

YOU NAUGHTY BOY! YOU MUST **NEVER** GO AROUND SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT ABOUT YOUR DADDY!

BUT IT'S TRUE...(SOB)... IT'S REALLY TRUE!

STOP SAYING IT! I DON'T EVER WANT TO HEAR YOU SAY IT AGAIN!

...THAT AFTERNOON, WHEN JETHROE LEFT, I WATCHED HIM THROUGH THE WINDOW..."
HE DOES...LOOK... SOMEHOW...DIFFERENT...

"WHEN EVENING CAME, I WROTE A VERY TACTFUL NOTE TO JETHROE'S FATHER, ASKING HIM TO COME SEE ME AT SCHOOL!"
THERE'LL BE TERRIBLE TROUBLE IF THE BOY GOES AROUND SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT!

"THAT NIGHT, I DREAM'T THAT JETHROE AND HIS FATHER HAD CORNERED ME AT THE END OF A DEAD END STREET..."

"I SCREAMED, BUT THEY KEPT COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER..."

"AND THEN--THANK HEAVEN--I WAS AWAKE...DRENCHED IN PERSPIRATION, MY LANDLADY SHAKING MY SHOULDERS..."
MISS ALLBRIGHT, WHAT'S THE MATTER? I HEARD YOU SCREAMING... I CAME RUNNING...
N-NOTHING... JUST A VERY BAD DREAM! PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!

"I GAVE JETHROE THE NOTE FOR HIS FATHER! A WHOLE WEEK PASSED WITHOUT AN ANSWER! IT WAS A HORRID WEEK MARRED BY MANY NIGHTMARES! I TAUGHT MECHANICALLY... HARDLY KNOWING WHAT WAS GOING ON..."
CAT... C-A-T SPELLS CAT!
VERY GOOD... NOW SPELL MAN...

"I HEARD DIMLY WHAT THE OTHER TEACHERS WERE SAYING..."
SOMETHING WRONG WITH MISS ALLBRIGHT? SHE'S BEEN LOOKING SICK LATELY?
YES...
"THEN THE FULL MOON ROSE..."
And THE VAMPIRE STRUCK AGAIN!"
"THE NEXT MORNING, JETHROE BROUGHT ME A NOTE FROM HIS FATHER..."
Thank you for your interest. I am a busy man and cannot come to school. Could you possibly spend this evening at my home?

"IT IS TIME NOW... I AM WALKING SLOWLY TOWARD JETHROE'S HOUSE WHICH STANDS BY ITSELF ON A LONELY ROAD..."

"BEFORE I HAVE A CHANCE TO RING, THE DOOR CREAKS OPEN.
Y-YOU MUST BE JETHROE'S FATHER!
MISS ALLBRIGHT! HOW NICE OF YOU TO COME! PLEASE STEP INSIDE!

MY FAMILY IS AWAY. WE TWO ARE ALONE... THE PARLOR IS THIS WAY, MISS ALLBRIGHT!

"WE ARE SEATED... AND SLOWLY, I DRAW FROM MY PURSE THE LITTLE HAND MIRROR THAT WILL TELL ME THE TRUTH...
JETHROE IS... ER... A VERY REMARKABLE BOY...

"BUT THEN..."
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT, MISS ALLBRIGHT! FOR THERE WILL BE NO REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR... AND NOW YOU WILL KNOW FOR CERTAIN I AM A VAMPIRE!
"HE TRANSFORMS FASTER THAN ANY VAMPIRE I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE! MY NIGHTMARE IS COMING TO LIFE!"
"HE LUNGES AT ME..."
NO! NO! NO!
"BUT I DODGE... AND I AM READY FOR HIM! HE RECOILS IN HORROR WHEN HE SEES HOW READY I AM..."
YES--I, TOO! I AM THE VAMPIRE OF THE TOWN! IT IS MY TOWN! ALL ITS BLOOD IS MINE! I WILL BROOK NO INTERFERENCE BY A RIVAL!
"THE SHOCK OF MY REAL IDENTITY HAS DISARMED HIM..."
...AND MY JAGGED TEETH DO THE REST..
SLEEP WELL, JETHROE'S DADDY... SLEEP THE DEEP SLEEP OF THE BLOODLESS!

"NOW, AS DEAR, GENTLE MISS ALLBRIGHT AGAIN, I QUIETLY LEAVE THE HOUSE, AND WALK BACK TO TOWN..."

IT'S MINE! ...ALL THE TOWN IS MINE... WHEN HIS FAMILY RETURNS, THEY WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENENED AND LEAVE BEFORE DAWN...

"BUT SUDDENLY, MY NERVES SNAP UNDER THE IMPACT OF A HORRIBLE SHOCK!"

"DEMONS, FIENDS, LOATHSOME CREATURES OF THE NIGHT... THEY KEEP ON SWARMING AROUND ME!"

"SOMEHOW, I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT! SOMEHOW I'VE TRANSGRESSED A LAW OF THE HORRIBLE LIVING DEAD! THEY'VE COME TO GET ME!"

HELP! HELP!

SUDDENLY...

WATCH OUT! THERE'S A SPIKED FENCE DOWN THERE!

"THERE'S A STAKE THROUGH MY HEART... IT'S THE ONLY WAY A VAMPIRE CAN BE KILLED... DIMLY OVERHEARD, I SEE YOUNG, HORRIFIED FACES! I HEAR TREMBLING VOICES..."

W-WHY DID MISS ALLBRIGHT RUN THAT WAY? G-GOSH, I NEVER KNEW ANYONE TO BE SO SCARED BY MASKS AND COSTUMES!

SPACE CAD

"I HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR ONE LAST GRIM SMILE... WHAT A STUPID, OLD FOOL I HAVE BEEN! THE WEEK THAT I SPENT IN A DAZE, WAITING FOR AN ANSWER FROM JETHROE'S FATHER, WAS THE WEEK BEFORE HALLOWEEN!!"

THE END

MORGAN'S GHOST

BUT-- (GASP) WE'RE PARTNERS-- (GASP) MORGAN!
ONLY IN YOUR DEATH!

GOODBYE, RICKET! YOU SERVED YOUR PURPOSE WELL!

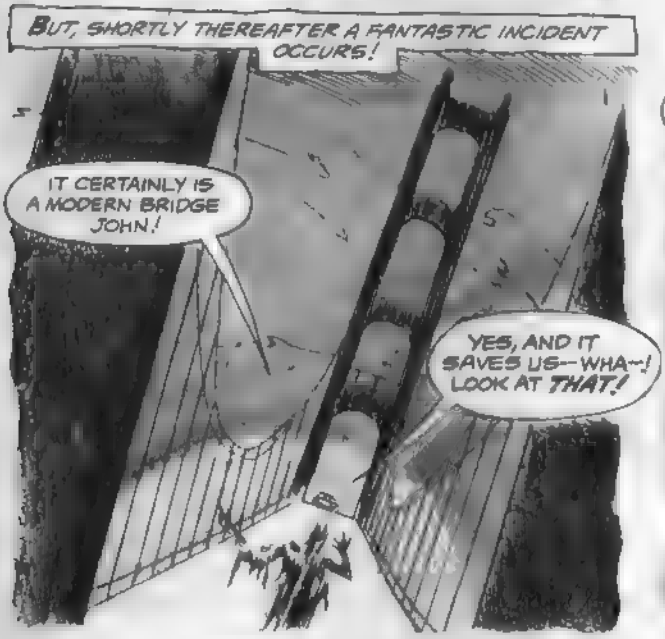
THAT'S FINE, RICKET! TOWARDS THE WET CEMENT SPLENDID
AGGRRAA

HA! HA! HA! DIE, RICKET! DIE!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, MORGAN! I'LL SEE TO--THAT!

AND NOW IT'S ALL MINE! IT'S MY BRIDGE! THE FAME, THE FORTUNE AND THE GLORY BELONGS SOLELY TO CEDRIC MORGAN! HA! HA!

THE BRIDGE IS OPENED AMID ELABORATE CEREMONY!
HEH! HEH! THEY'RE SALUTING ME! AND JUSTLY SO! IT'S MY BRIDGE!

THE BRIDGE IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AND THE STREAM OF CARS THAT CROSS IT SEEMS ENDLESS!
MY REPUTATION SHALL SPAN THE EARTH AS MY BRIDGE DOES THIS RIVER!


BUT, SHORTLY THEREAFTER A FANTASTIC INCIDENT OCCURS!
IT CERTAINLY IS A MODERN BRIDGE JOHN!
YES, AND IT SAVES US--WHA--! LOOK AT THAT!

IT'S A GHOST! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
AIIEE! IT'S HIDEOUS! JOHN-- THE CAR!

AIIEEEE
EEEEEEEE

CRASH

THE LURID VISION IS SEEN REPEATEDLY AND EACH TIME WITH VIOLENT RESULTS!

SALVAGE OPERATIONS ARE BEGUN UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF A SILENT WITNESS!
THERE'S ONE ALIVE!

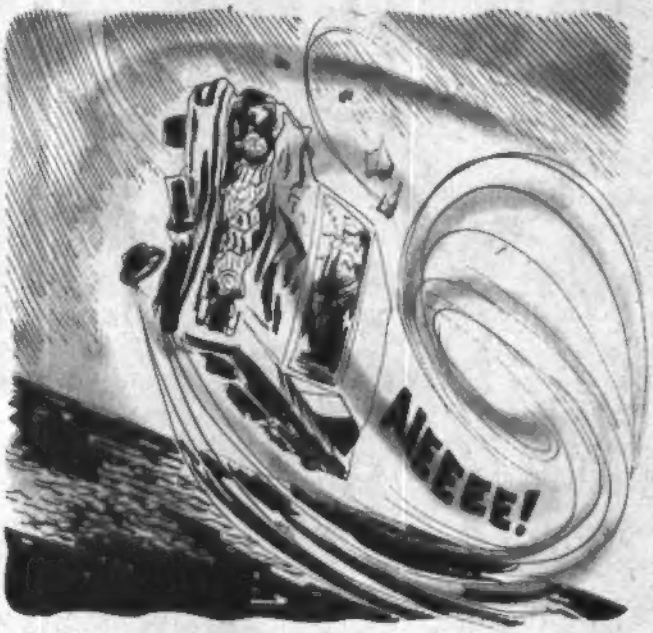
GET HIM ABOARD!
IT WAS A GHOST! I SAW IT! I TELL YOU I SAW IT!

IT WAS HIDEOUS AND STANDING THERE ON THE BRIDGE!
A WHAT?

THE FOOLS! THEY SAY THE BRIDGE IS HAUNTED! THEY BOYCOTTED IT!
I KNOW! I HEARD THEM, FATHER! I WANTED TO USE IT MYSELF TONIGHT UNTIL--

USE IT! IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE I SAY! THERE IS NO VISION! THEY'RE FOOLS!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK! I'M GOING NOW!

CEDRIC MORGAN'S LOVELY DAUGHTER BEGINS HER JOURNEY ACROSS THE BARREN BRIDGE UNAWARE OF THE MACABRE DESTINY THAT PATIENTLY AWAITS HER!


AIEEEE!

AND THE APPARITION CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM!

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BLIND WITH RAGE, MORGAN PURSUES THE LURID VISION UP THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, BUT THE ELUSIVE APPARITION ELUDES HIM MOCKINGLY!
YOU'RE SLOW, CEDRIC! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
TAUNT ME, WILL YOU! I'LL GET YOU, RICKET, I'LL GET YOU!
WHAT'S KEEPING YOU, MORGAN? YOU WERE FAR MORE EFFICIENT THE FIRST TIME!
PATIENCE, YOU FIEND! YOUR MINUTES ARE NUMBERED!
THE VISION LEADS IT'S RELENTLESS FOE TO THE SCAFFOLDS ABOVE THE STILL WET CEMENT OF THE NEW SECTION!
I'M CLOSING IN, RICKET! HA! HA!
HA! HA! AT LAST, RICKET, YOU'RE TRAPPED! YOU CAN RETREAT NO MORE!
YES, CEDRIC, AND I DON'T INTEND TO!
NOW I'VE GOT-- AIIEEEE!
GOODBYE, CEDRIC! YOU WON'T BE MISSED AND THE FRESH CEMENT AWAITS YOU!
THE DIABOLICAL ARCHITECT FALLS TO HIS DEATH IN THE FRESH CEMENT! AND ONCE AGAIN THE CEMENT IS A GRAVE FOR AN ARCHITECT! CEDRIC MORGAN'S ONCE PROUD BRIDGE BECOMES HIS MONUMENT...
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